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A. REC	GISTRANT IDENTIF	ICATION				
NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: M.D.Sass Securities, L.L.C.	OFFICIAL USE ONLY					
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New York	NY		10036			
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NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PI Alexander Baltovski	ERSON TO CONTACT IN	REGARD TO THI	646-957-2715			
A CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY O	<u> </u>		(Area Code - Telephone Number)			
B. ACC	COUNTANT IDENTIF	FICATION	en e			
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT V	whose opinion is contained	in this Report*				
Berdon LLP						
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\*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

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of December 31	, 20 15	, are true a	nd correct. I f	urther swea	ır (or affii	rm) that
neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, princ						
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### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Members of M.D. Sass Securities, L.L.C. New York, New York

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of M.D. Sass Securities, L.L.C. (the "Company") as of December 31, 2015 and the related notes (the "financial statement"). This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of M.D. Sass Securities, L.L.C. as of December 31, 2015, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Certified Public Accountants

Berdan LLP

New York, New York March 23, 2016



# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2015

### **ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents Receivable from affiliate Distribution fees receivable Other assets	\$	330,731 661,637 11,965 20,471
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY		024,804
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		127,250
MEMBERS' EQUITY		897,554
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY	\$ 1	,024,804

### NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

## NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

M.D. Sass Securities, L.L.C. (the "Company"), a registered broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") was formed on September 23, 2005 primarily to act as a placement agent for various pooled onshore and offshore investment vehicles including hedge funds, private equity funds, commodity funds and fund of funds. The Company acts solely on an agency basis.

The Company is a Delaware limited liability company, taxed as a partnership and governed under a limited liability company agreement (the "Agreement"). The Agreement provides for the members' ownership, liabilities of members, transfers of interest, capital contributions, distribution to members and profit or loss allocations. The Company is scheduled to terminate on December 31, 2040 or shall be dissolved upon the occurrence of an event as set forth in the Agreement.

The liability of any member shall be limited to the amount of capital contributions which such member is required to make pursuant to the provisions of the Agreement and the member shall have no further liability to contribute money to the Company for, or in respect of, the liabilities or obligations of the Company, and shall not be personally liable for any obligations of the Company.

### (a) Related party relationships

The Company entered into a service agreement dated January 31, 2007 with M.D. Sass Investors Services, Inc. ("Investors"), a related party registered as an investment advisor under Section 203 of the Investment Advisors Act of 1940. The Company provides broker services of marketing interests in investment funds advised by Investors ("Brokerage Services"), for which Investors and certain affiliates and former affiliates of Investors act as General Manager, Managing Member and Investment Advisor, in exchange for services and personnel to be provided by Investors ("Affiliated Services"). The service agreement calls for the Company to be compensated by Investors at an amount equal to 100.5% of all expenses incurred providing these Brokerage Services. All of the Company's expenses are primarily paid by Investors and allocated to the Company. In addition, the Company entered into a service agreement dated January 1, 2014 with Taurus Funds Management ("Taurus"), an affiliated entity, to cover expenses for Brokerage Services and administrative expenses. Taurus has agreed to pay the Company \$20,000 per annum which cannot terminate except as of December 31st of any calendar year subject to the terms of the agreement.

The Company earns distribution fees for marketing and promoting investment funds of registered investment advisors affiliated or formerly affiliated with the Company to institutional clients. Generally, in consideration for these services the Company receives varying percentages of committed capital associated with such institutional clients' investment and the recognition of which is contingent upon the continued funding and participation of the investor.

### NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

## NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

### (a) Related party relationships (continued)

In some cases, the Company will earn the distribution fee on committed and funded capital, payable within a certain period of each drawdown of capital with respect to such commitment.

### (b) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents are defined as short-term, highly liquid money market funds with original maturities of less than 90 days. At December 31, 2015, substantially all of the cash and cash equivalents were held at one major financial institution.

### (c) Income Tax

The Company is generally not taxed on its income or loss; as such taxes are the responsibility of the members. New York City, however, subjects limited liability companies to an unincorporated business tax based on income, with certain adjustments.

Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) requires evaluation of the tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Company's tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are more likely than not sustainable upon examination by the applicable taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the tax position, and then recognizing the tax benefit that is more likely than not realizable. Tax positions not deemed to meet the more likely than not threshold would be recorded as a tax expense in the current reporting period. Management believes any such positions would be immaterial to the overall financial statements.

The Company's federal and state income tax returns for the years after 2011 remain subject to examination by the taxing authorities.

### (d) Use of Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingencies, if any, at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### **NOTE 2 - REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS**

The Company is subject to the Uniform Net Capital Rule 15c3-1 under the Securities Exchange Act ("SEA") of 1934 ("the Rule") and has elected to compute its net capital under the Basic Method of the Rule. The Rule requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1 subject to a minimum net capital requirement of \$8,488. At December 31, 2015, the Company had a net capital of \$203,481 which was \$194,993 in excess of its required net capital.

The Company is exempt from the provisions of SEA Rule 15c3-3 under Paragraph (k)(2)(i).

### NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

### NOTE 3 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Investors, a related party through common ownership, is a registered investment advisor (see note 1(a)). Brokerage Services are provided to Investors by the Company. Substantially all expenses have been allocated to the Company from Investors in accordance with a services agreement. This agreement provides that Investors will provide various services and the use of equipment and in return the Company will provide Brokerage Services referred to above. At December 31, 2015, included in the statement of financial condition is a net receivable of \$661,637 due from Investors related to these relationships.

Additionally, as described in note 1(a), distribution fees are earned from affiliated investment advisors. At December 31, 2015, included in the statement of financial condition is a receivable of \$11,965 from these relationships.

### NOTE 4 - CONTINGENCIES

The Company was subject to a FINRA dispute resolution arbitration with an investor in funds managed by affiliates of the Company whereby the investor made a claim of approximately \$346,000 plus other costs against the Company regarding, among other things, the suitability of such funds. On August 27, 2015, the Panel granted the Company's Motion to Dismiss in part with respect to all claims except claims related to one fund pursuant to FINRA Rule 12206. The Panel granted leave for the investor to refile claims relating to the specific fund but currently have not refiled claims.

### NOTE 5 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company has evaluated subsequent events after December 31, 2015 through March 23, 2016, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.